

Understatement

An understatement is the intentional use of words to convey less than actually applies to a situation. Often ironic, understatement can be the opposite of what would be the expected or presumed appropriate response the circumstances. It can also be used for purposes of comedy, modesty, or politeness. Understatement is everywhere: from film, literature and pop culture, as well as in everyday conversation.



DIRECTIONS: Respond to each sentence with an understatement.

1. How does it feel to finally graduate from high school?

2. You must be so excited to have a little sister!

3. I hear you aced that geography test.

4 If you want it, the job is yours.
